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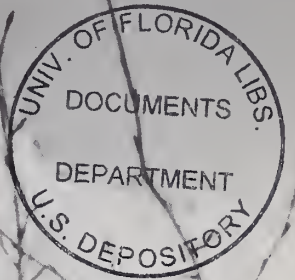
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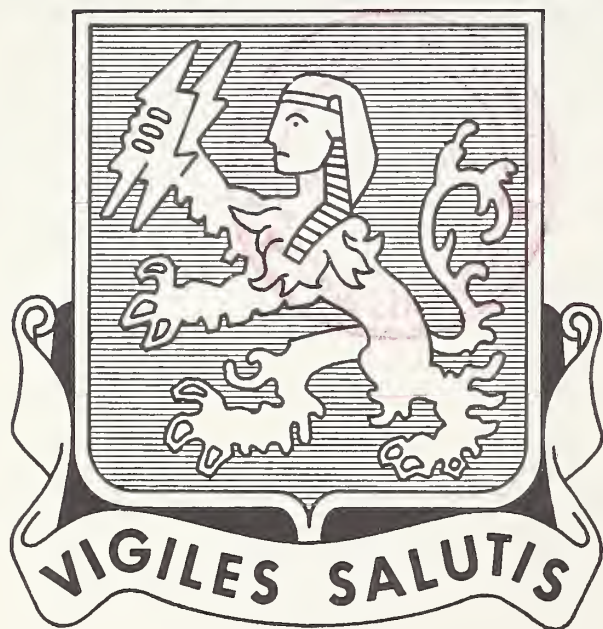
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# The TC&S Insignia: Wisdom, Reticence



As a U.S. Army Service school established by the Department of the Army, the USASA Training Center and School at Ft. Devens is entitled to its own distinctive unit insignia. The TC&S insignia is worn as a metal epaulette badge that measures 1 1/8 x 1 1/8 inches. The sphinx on the teal-blue shield stands for wisdom and reticence in speech and conduct while the stylized flashes of lightning clutched by the sphinx, symbolize electronic communications. "Vigiles Salutis," the Latin motto at the base of the insignia, is translated as "sentinels of security." The insignia is worn by students and permanent party at TC&S.

*Beginning with this issue, THE HALLMARK will spotlight a different USASA unit insignia—including both authorized and unauthorized ones. Appropriately enough, the series starts with the insignia of a unit where many launched their Agency tour or career—the Training Center and School at Ft. Devens, Mass.*

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### OUR COVER

A serene waterway, blue sky and majestic mountain paint a colorful canvas for USASA Det US Army Alaska personnel. (See story on page 8)

# Staff Advisor Boasts Colorful Career

When Mr. Edwin A. Speakman came to Arlington Hall Station as Staff Advisor to the Commanding General for Scientific and Cryptographic Affairs, he brought with him some convincing credentials.

In addition to being a physicist and electronics engineer with widespread experience in top management positions in government and industry, he's an inventor of some note.

During his career he has served as a vice president in three major industrial firms engaged in military electronics and defense research—the Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corporation, Radio Corporation of America, and The Franklin Institute—and as a professor of physics at Haverford College in Pennsylvania.

Today he is one of the country's foremost experts on communications and electronics.

The versatile Pennsylvania native is also an important inventor. In 1931, he developed and patented the first photo electronic race timer for timing human races, which was accurate to 1/100th of a second. The timer used the sound of the starting gun to start an electronic clock that would stop when a runner broke a light beam sent across the finish line.

This system was demonstrated at a number of track meets in the Haverford College area from 1930 to 1934. Adaptations of the timer are used today at horse, automobile and toboggan races.

In 1934, while with the Philco Corporation in Detroit, Mr. Speakman came up with another major invention—the telescopic rod antenna, used on most radio equipment automobiles today. He holds patents on this invention, too.

About this time he also developed and operated special VHF equipment at the Indianapolis Speedway enabling communication with the racing cars during the race.

The career of ASA's top scientist includes many highlights. He was appointed to the Naval Research Labora-

## *Scientist, Inventor, Administrator*

tory in Washington in 1940 where he was assistant superintendent of the Radio Division; five years later he was made head of the Electronic Countermeasures Branch of the Lab.

There he became responsible for the management of Naval research and development programs in electronic warfare, signal interception and analysis, jamming, direction finding and deception.

During this period, he initiated developments in naval radar equipment, earning him the Navy's Meritorious Civilian Service Award.

In 1949, Mr. Speakman joined the Research and Development Board of the Department of Defense as executive director of electronics. Later he was named vice chairman of the Board.



Edwin A. Speakman is Staff Advisor to the Commanding General for Scientific and Cryptologic Affairs.

This agency, reporting directly to the Secretary of Defense, reviewed and approved all military research and development.

As vice chairman, Mr. Speakman was the principal executive officer in the areas of electronics, aeronautics, guided missiles, atomic energy and geophysics.

Appointed vice president and general manager of the Guided Missiles Division of Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corporation, in 1952, Mr. Speakman headed development and production of Naval guided missile systems and electronic and radar equipment.

More recently, as vice president of RCA Service Company, Mr. Speakman was responsible for management of RCA's missile range programs at the Air Force's Eastern Test Range and the Army's White Sands Missile Range.

Prior to coming to ASA, he served as a vice president of the Franklin Institute and director of R&D for the Department of Transportation when that new cabinet department was formed in 1968.

A Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, and an Associate Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Mr. Speakman is listed in "American Man of Science" and is active in a number of professional engineering and scientific societies.

The key words in his philosophy are "motivation" and "enthusiasm." His greatest feeling of satisfaction and accomplishment, he says, comes as a result of stimulating people to exercise initiative and persistent drive to get the job done.

He feels that when scientists and engineers are properly recognized and motivated they perform well above their capabilities, helping to generate an effective team operation.

USASA is fortunate to have Edwin A. Speakman on its side, "motivating" it in the right direction. ■





# pass in review

A roundup of ASA news from Hallmark correspondents



Mrs. U.S. Savings Bond, trying her hand at KP. (Photo by SP4 Jenks, Co. A.)

## HAWAII

Robert M. Garrant, son of LTC George F. Garrant, Assistant S-3, HQUSASAPAC, has recently been appointed to the United States Military Academy, West Point, Class of 1973. LTC Garrant's son received his nomination under the Presidential Competitive category, reserved for sons of career military personnel.

Mrs. U.S. Savings Bond, Mrs. Dorie Damuth, recently visited PAC to promote the US Army Savings Bond Program within the theater.

Mrs. Damuth toured the post, enlisting support for the program by explaining the many benefits which come with it. At one time she tried her hand at a vital military duty—KP.

## TURKEY

Without warning, a short circuit in the 4,130-volt line from the generating plant plunged all of Diogenes Station, Sinop, into complete darkness. 2LT Thomas Black, Post Engineer, was, at the time of the blackout, in the post theater watching New

York City restore its lighting in the movie, (you guessed it), "Where were You When the Lights Went Out?"

2LT Black's problems after correcting this difficulty, however, were not yet solved. The following Monday as he entered the Diogenes Restaurant for lunch the lights went out again. This time two unrelated shorts caused the power failure. Measures are being taken to help 2LT Black out.

## CANAL ZONE

MG Chester L. Johnson, commander, U.S. Army Forces Southern Command, performed ribbon-cutting ceremonies at the Ft. Clayton Youth Activities Carnival (YAC), at Jarman Field.

Festivities at the carnival included a skydiving exhibition, clowns performing throughout the grounds, music from local groups, and various booths specializing from bingo and ball-throwing to refreshments. Funds provided by the carnival will be used to purchase athletic equipment for the youth sports program and the summer recreation program.

## VIRGINIA

Command Sergeant Major Howard F. Smith has assumed the duties of Vint Hill Farm's ranking enlisted man. The 38-year-old CSM replaced CSM Donald G. Fields, who has departed this command for Vietnam. Prior to his arrival at VHFS, CSM Smith was assigned to the 313th R R Bn in Vietnam, where he served as the battalion command sergeant major.

SP4 Gene W. Velasco, assigned to the dispensary, VHFS, achieved the highest scores in the college level General Education Development examinations ever recorded at the Education Center.

SP4 Velasco started with a 95 percentile score in English and finished with a 99 each in history, science, humanities and mathematics. In the last two tests maximum scores of 800 were made.



"ASA all the way", is the motto of MSG T. N. Gallagher, USASA Command Career Counselor, who recently re-enlisted for another six years. "Only one more six-year enlistment after this and I'll have my 30; you can't sell a product without buying it yourself," MSG Gallagher commented after MAJ William P. Turpin IV, Chief of ASA's Personnel Services Division, administered the oath of enlistment.





The 8th RRFS and their ARVN guests celebrating the holidays.



Guests wait to start a traditional Vietnamese dinner.



CWO George L. Beineman receives a certificate of appreciation from the Generals' Commission on Chaplains for his outstanding contribution to the religious life of the 509th Radio Research Group. COL Allen J. Mauderly commanding officer of the 509th made the presentation.



Members of the 265th serve their OJT in carpentry as they roof their new quarters. (Carpenters in the photo are not identified.)

## CALIFORNIA

Enlisted men at Two Rock Ranch Station enjoyed a free buffet dinner and drinks recently after LTC William F. Vernau, Post Commander, cut the ribbon opening the new \$19,500 Two Rock Ranch EM bar. It is estimated that the EM Bar alone consumes 279 gallons of beer a week.

## VIETNAM

The new commanding officer of the 8th Radio Research Field Station, LTC K. F. Coykendall, entertained Army of the Republic of Vietnam detachment personnel at a dinner commemorating the Tet holidays, in the Officers' Open Mess. It began with a short speech of welcome by LTC Coykendall and in turn, a speech by SGT Ho Khac Tuan, NCOIC of the ARVN detachment.

The meal was served in traditional Vietnamese fashion starting with beer on the rocks and finishing with dried watermelon seeds, which are especially popular here during the "Tet Nguyen Dan," or Lunar New Year celebration. After the dinner LTC Coykendall presented each of the Vietnamese guests with a number of small gifts, in the spirit of local TET custom.

Recent activities of the 265th RR Co (Abn), in support of the 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), have included some large-scale construction projects. After surviving the 110-degree heat of summer and one typhoon in their GP medium tents, members of the 265th are now living in style. They became cross-trained as carpenters when galvanized metal roof buildings were erected as living quarters in March. It was a self-help project—all construction was done by the men of the 265th.

## GERMANY

The combined efforts of Field Station, Berlin's NCO Wives Club and the men assigned to the 403rd Special Operations Detachment have resulted in helping the badly-damaged Vietnamese village of Thuong Duc get back on its feet.

Thuong Duc was virtually destroyed last September when three enemy regiments laid siege to an adjacent Special Forces camp.

In response to requests for assistance from Green Beret soldiers assigned to the 403rd SOD, the Berlin NCOs' Wives Club collected five large boxes of clothing, cooking utensils, soap, toys and candy for the residents of Thuong Duc. The District Chief expressed in a formal statement the gratitude of the government and its people, but the real reward was the many happy faces of the people themselves.

Major General Charles J. Denholm, Commanding General, United States Army Security Agency, on a recent visit to Bad Aibling presented the Bronze Star to CPT Curtis W. Barbee Jr., and SP5 Michael B. Gleason. CPT Barbee also received the Purple Heart.

## MASSACHUSETTS

Amateur radio station KIKBO at Ft. Devens has recently received a public service award from the American Radio Relay League.

The award was given by ARRL's Communications Department for outstanding work done by the amateur radio station when they assisted in locating a man in South America who had been bitten by a rabid dog and was unaware the animal was rabid.

KIKBO is operated by the US Army Security Agency Training Center and School.

Charles W. Erwin, Deputy Director of Instruction at USASATC&S, was recently promoted to Colonel in ceremonies at Ft. Devens March 12. COL Robert W. Des Jarlais, Commandant of the Training Center and School, conducted the ceremony.



### ODCSPER

□ **New Guidelines for PROJECT TRANSITION**—The new guidelines for PROJECT TRANSITION that became effective last month are meant to help insure that those soldiers who need assistance most in securing civilian employment upon separation receive top priority for program participation.

Accordingly, four categories of personnel were identified in order of priority for TRANSITION training:

- ▶ Category 1: Individuals with a service-connected disability.
- ▶ Category 2: Soldiers ineligible to reenlist for other than disciplinary reasons.
- ▶ Category 3: Personnel with no previous job skill, occupation or civilian-related military training.
- ▶ Category 4: Individuals not in the above categories but desirous of acquiring a new skill regardless of current status.

Off-duty programs are emphasized to conserve manpower and avoid conflict with unit mission accomplishment.

Commanders may authorize on-duty TRANSITION training for soldiers in categories 1, 2, or 3. However, a total of 240 hours of on-duty training is the maximum for categories 2 and 3.

□ **Ban on Private Firearms**—Soldiers assigned to Vietnam are reminded they are prohibited from taking privately owned firearms into that country and from purchasing such weapons once they are there.

Continued attempts by individuals to bring privately owned weapons to Vietnam have resulted in stringent control measures which include confiscation of the firearm and possible disciplinary action. (Additional details may be found in AR 55-71.)

□ **Special DLI Language Assistant Program**—Agency Linguists anticipating reassignment to CONUS may now apply for the recently established Defense Language Institute (DLI) Language Assistant Program.

The new program, established by DCSPER and the DLI, is designed to prevent deterioration in linguistic fluency and create motivation toward pursuit of a language career.

A limited number of USASA linguists with MOS 98G or 04B/C will be attached to DLI for duty during CONUS tours. They will be utilized by DLI in a variety of linguistic jobs and, as a supplement to their linguistic duties, will be afforded time for independent language study.

Linguists may apply for DLI duty to their unit commander overseas not earlier than 180 days and not later than 60 days prior to DEROS. Any further information may be obtained by contacting your personnel officer.

□ **Regular Army Warrant Program Announced**—AR 601-101 and DA Circular 601-25 announced a new Regular Army Warrant Officer Program effective next month that may be of interest to Agency warrant officers.

The first question that may come to mind is "Why go RA?"

One reason might be the guarantee tenure associated with RA status, provided manner of performance continues to be acceptable. Another could be the professional and personal pride attendant to being selected for this highly competitive appointment.

Interested enlisted men and Reserve warrant officers are encouraged to look into the new program. Assistance on administrative details can be provided by your unit personnel officer.

□ **Service Numbers On the Way Out**—The military service number soon will be replaced by the social security account number as a means of personnel identification, according to DA Circular 600-42.

Military service numbers will continue to be issued to everyone entering active U.S. Army and Reserve components through June 30, 1969. Beginning July 1, 1969, however, service numbers will be discontinued and the social security account number, without prefix or suffix, will be used for identification of U.S. Army personnel in the active, retired and reserve components.

No actions concerning this conversion should be taken without explicit instruction from Headquarters, Department of the Army.

□ **Computers Need Accurate Data**—With increasing use of electrical accounting machines and computers in the management of Agency soldiers serving in all parts of the world, it becomes greatly important that personnel data submitted from the field be accurate.

For example, the reporting of a wrong MOS can result in erroneous assignment of an individual. Further, reporting of an incorrect command or unit identification code can result in misrouting of assignment instructions.

Accurate and timely data input results in better management of personnel at all levels of command.

□ **Proper Source of Enlisted Evaluation Scores**—Some enlisted personnel actions are unnecessarily delayed because of a missing Evaluation Data Report (EPPECO Form 10) in the individual's 201 files.

In such cases, the proper channel for obtaining the missing information is the local Test Control Officer (TCO), who is authorized direct contact with the Enlisted Evaluation Center, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. When requesting the scores from the TCO, personnel officers should include the soldier's name, grade, service number, MOS and the installation at which he was tested.



## ODCSOPS

□ **Red/Black Technicians Course Offered**—ODCSOPS reports programming two Red/Black Technicians courses and two TEMPEST Technicians courses to be held at the TEMPEST facility at Vint Hill Farms during 1969. The first of the Red/Black courses has recently been completed.

(Red/Black is the term used in the engineering and installation of communications processing centers.)

The purpose of the course is to teach USASA Red/Black inspectors and TEMPEST test personnel the latest concepts and interpretations of regulations.

The first Red/Black course, already completed, consisted of 13 enlisted personnel, mostly from overseas Agency commands. Those successfully completing the course were awarded the ASI (H6) to their MOS indicating special training in Red/Black or TEMPEST.

The course was prepared and presented by the National Scientific Laboratories Inc., of McLean, Va., and supervised by personnel assigned to the TEMPEST facility.

Comments from attendees at the first Red/Black course were favorable and generally indicated a better insight into Red/Black inspections.

## AG

□ **Vietnamese Awards Eligible for Wear**—The Vietnamese Ministry of Defense has established two unit awards—the Gallantry Cross and the Civil Actions Medal—which U.S. military organizations are eligible to receive.

The Gallantry Cross is awarded for valorous combat achievement and is in four degrees in order of precedence:

1. With Palm—To a unit cited before the armed forces.
2. With Gold Star—To a unit cited before a corps.
3. With Silver Star—To a unit cited before a division.
4. With Bronze Star—To a unit cited before a regiment.

The Civil Actions Medal is awarded for meritorious service.

Servicemen are authorized to wear the appropriate individual emblem on a permanent basis if they were assigned to and present for duty with the unit at any time during the period of action cited. Also authorized to wear the emblem are those attached by competent orders to and present for duty with the unit during the entire period or 30 consecutive days of the action cited.

## ODCSFOR

□ **New ARDF Film to be Released**—The Army Pictorial Center plans to distribute a new training film on Airborne Radio Direction Finding (ARDF) technique before July 6, 1969. The film is numbered TF 32-4059.

It will be used as an aid in supporting active Army and Reserve component training under the Army Training Program titled *ASA Units and Teams* and the advanced individual training at USASATC&S, Ft. Devens.

Agency units are urged to contact their local Audio Visual Support Centers for supply of this film.

□ **New FM Increases Division Support Role**—The latest edition of FM 61-100, *The Division*, specifies for the first time that an ASA staff officer from the ASA unit be attached to the division staff.

(The staff officer title is now changed to read "EW/Cryptologic Officer" and steps are being taken to authorize the personnel as assigned to the division staff.)

Additionally, the field manual's doctrine on tactical cover and deception permits the division to operate with greater flexibility in the employment of these measures during raids, feints, demonstrations and ruses.

## ODCSLOG

□ **Logistics Workshop Set for August**—The first annual Logistics Workshop will be held at Headquarters August 4-8. Representatives from Agency elements in CONUS, Alaska, Asmara, the Southern Command, as well as Headquarters Europe and Pacific will attend.

The purpose of the Workshop is to improve logistic posture by:

- Assuring familiarity on the part of field logistics personnel with USASA logistic concepts and policies.
- Providing Workshop participants with information on new logistic developments.
- Providing a forum for discussing problem areas and exchanging logistic ideas.

Workshop participants will also visit USASA's Materiel Support Command at Vint Hill Farms for a series of briefings and a tour.



THE SHORTIMER

*It's the great, big, broad land 'way up yonder,  
It's the forests where silence has lease;  
It's the beauty that fills me with wonder,  
It's the stillness that fills me with peace.*

Robert W. Service

# ASA

## Soldiers



A moose and her calf visit the dependent housing area at Ft. Richardson.

## Help Guard "Last Frontier"

Robert Service, poet-chronicler of the Alaskan gold rush days, sang with exuberance of his adopted land.

Today that same spirit is shared by the men of USASA Detachment at Ft. Richardson, U.S. Army Alaska. Located just a few miles north of Anchorage, the state's largest city, the unit is a part of that "big, broad land 'way up yonder."

There is one element of the detachment, in fact, even farther up yonder. It is 450 miles to the north of Anchorage at Ft. Wainwright near the city of Fairbanks—once the rough-and-tumble town of gold rush fame.

Alaska is called by some the country's last frontier . . . and that's probably true. But the giant state—one-fifth the size of the rest of the United States—is a lot more.

It is a modern progressive commonwealth; one whose unique location makes it of vital strategic military importance.

And, characteristically, where there is a vital position, the Agency will be found.

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*Photos in this story were provided through the courtesy of U.S. Army Alaska; SSG Marsteller and SP5 Hansen of the detachment; and Mr. Alex P. Tatum.*

USASA Detachment's main function is to lend support to the activities of the Army forces in Alaska.

U.S. Army Alaska's functions are varied. Not only is it concerned with defense of our vast "frontier" but it is also responsible for Arctic testing of all new items of equipment as well as cold weather and mountain warfare training for the Army.

One special mission of the Agency detachment is to provide support to the two Alaska National Guard Scout Battalions which are primarily manned by native Eskimos.

Each year men of the detachment travel several thousand miles to visit remote villages and provide support to these units.

Throughout the year USASA Detachment, USARAL, under the command of LTC Gerald J. Beshens Jr., participates in a number of field exercises and maneuvers that are often accomplished in some pretty bizarre climatic conditions.

Once the detachment was out on a winter maneuver when the temperature dipped to a numbing 60 degrees below zero.

Usually the winter weather is more reasonable and seldom drops below minus 40.

One curious natural phenomenon

that has confronted the men of the detachment is something called "White Out"—a condition that obliterates the horizon.

"White Out" is actually an ice fog that blends with the snow on the ground and the sky above. The resulting illusion is a massive bleach-white sheet . . . up, down, around, everything is white.

In this kind of chilly surrounding it's essential every member of the



SP5 Arthur F. Hansen displays a wolverine shot during a recent hunting trip.



detachment be skilled in the techniques of cold weather survival. Everyone is.

In recent history the unit has not had a serious cold weather injury. (The closest thing to one occurred during a winter maneuver a few years ago when the unit's motor sergeant left his false teeth in a glass of water overnight. Next morning the teeth were frozen solid in a glass of ice and the sergeant had to gum his way through the next two meals until the ice thawed.)

Of course in winter it's not all bivouac and ice at USASA Detachment, USARAL. The winter weather does, naturally, lend itself to a wide range of off-duty activity. Skiing, ice skating, hunting, and ice fishing are probably the most popular pastimes.

With moose, bear, caribou, bison, and mountain sheep roaming the state's ranges, Alaska is the hunter's paradise.

In fact, the moose near Ft. Richardson are so plentiful, it's not unusual to see a moose and her calf spending a leisurely afternoon in the back yards of the post's dependent housing area.

In the summer Alaska stretches out. Long luxurious summer days, blushing from temperatures in the mid-80s, beckon the Agency men to unspoiled lakes and streams, to mountains, camping areas and hiking trails.

If the pioneer spirit stirs, you can even pan for gold!

The men of the detachment and their families enjoy trips to the Mc-



The Detachment operates in some frigid conditions like the one above. But the men have yet to suffer a serious cold weather injury.

Kinley National Park, home of the nation's largest mountain peak, Mt. McKinley.

This past summer the men at the Ft. Wainwright element witnessed the "Midnight Sun," when the sun stayed above the horizon for a full 24 hours.

In this land of natural beauty and excitement, USASA Detachment, USARAL, performs its mission unassumingly with the accent on excellence and professionalism.

The detachment works in an environment where modern technology meets nature and both do very well.

The unit is part of a spirit articulated in the theme of Alaska's centennial celebrations two years ago: "North to the Future."

(In 1867 Alaska was purchased from Russia for \$7,200,000, or less than 2¢ an acre. Critics called it "Seward's Folly" after Secretary of State William H. Seward who engineered the purchase.)

Today the spirit is "North to the Future." USASA Detachment is happy to be in Alaska helping to make that future happen for the state and the nation.



These three modes of transportation are part of the Alaska scene. At left is an old paddle wheel river boat used during the gold rush days. Next, MAJ Richard N. Overgard, XO of

the Detachment, shows one way to get to snowy places fast, via the dog sled. The airplane flying over Ft. Richardson, right, represents a more contemporary vehicle.



# HALL OF FAME

Awards and honors won by military and civilian USASA members

## Legion of Merit

COLONEL: Leslie L. Buttleman (1).  
LIEUTENANT COLONEL: Stanley K. Nodland, Robert F. VonDach.  
MAJOR: Ralph V. Lemes, William F. O'Neal.  
CAPTAIN: Phillip V. Jarrell.  
STAFF SERGEANT: Donald Barich.

## Bronze Star Medal

CAPTAIN: Curtis W. Barbee Jr.  
FIRST LIEUTENANT: Douglas E. Baalson, Henry L. Bodmer, Robert P. Burns, Alfonsa Gilley.  
MASTER SERGEANT: George R. Heusler, Winfred L. Stockman.  
SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: John L. Barnes, Duwayne F. Schwegman.  
STAFF SERGEANT: Thomas J. Callahan, Robert D. Fiscus, Nelson Moore, Warren A. Wallingford.  
SERGEANT: Donald E. Healy, Jerome G. Sinquefield.  
SPECIALIST 5: John P. Ausel, William P. Brocato, Ted A. Dossett, Michael B. Gleason, Arthur Goldberg, Steven A. Johnson, Michael E. Payton, Gregory D. Schwinn, James M. Shelby, James D. Thompson.  
SPECIALIST 4: William I. Ayres, Russell M. Emig Jr., Donald P. Hatala.

## Air Medal

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Joe Bean (3-6).  
SPECIALIST 5: R. L. Davis (10-15), Russell Furth (10), R. L. Williams (4-25).

## Joint Service Commendation Medal

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: James E. Norris.

## Army Commendation Medal

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: Chester A. Baker (1).  
MAJOR: Allen C. Bennett, Richard A. Erickson (1), James D. Neighbors (1), James T. Shannon, Joseph F. Short, Kenneth O. Stout (3).

CAPTAIN: Albert W. Faulk Jr., James J. Fragala Jr.

FIRST LIEUTENANT: James E. Dorsey, Thomas G. Justice, Michael E. Kapple, Michael S. Squyres, Ronald F. Szymanski.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3: Donald D. Frazee, Roy G. Wheeler Jr.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: Thomas E. Abrials, Robert J. Flanagan, Maurice Jones.

STAFF SERGEANT MAJOR: Edward J. Criswell (2).

FIRST SERGEANT: Price H. Easley (1), Ronald L. Hotchkiss (1), Calvin Savage (2).

MASTER SERGEANT: Hubert W. Dawson (2), Lewis C. Finch (1), William G. Hackett.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: William M. Beard (1), George B. Bowe (1), Harold L. Brooks (1), Gene Burris (1), Marion P. Cook (Posthumously), Gerald E. Dewald (1), Carter W. Francis (1), Gerald R. Hill, John D. Holt (1), Thomas E. Lacy, William J. Madden Jr. (1), Ronald L. Reiner, Gerald J. Rolape, Curtis H. Strong, Clifford A. Taylor, Stephen J. Trbuza Jr., Clayton Willsey.

STAFF SERGEANT: James A. Duke, Bruce C. Hammerton, Darrel L. Hopkins, David L. Huss (1), Lawrence McIntyre Jr., Richard E. Myers, Roger A. Myers, Robert V. Nolen, Douglas P. Siddell, Maxie Trotter, Victor C. Weigand Jr., Robert L. Weise, Ronald A. Wright, James B. Young (1).

SPECIALIST 6: Waldon W. Beall, Stanley R. Huber, Robert R. Myers, Eric E. Talton.

SERGEANT: Edward R. Carmody, William Daniel, Eric K. Felton, Nessie G. Jarnigan, Andrew J. Mihalcin, John R. Wonsetler.

SPECIALIST 5: Bruce A. Baker, Warren K. Bilstein, Jack T. Bradford, Daniel Carrell Jr., James M. Davey III, Gareth DeGolier, John H. Hessen III, Thomas R. Himes, Scott T. Kellas, Robert Koch, Edward A. Matazinski, Ronald E. May, Ronald J. McCamish, Michael P. Mercier (with V Device),

Phillip A. Raab (1), Robert L. Rogers, Roonie E. Rooker, Bobby J. Swilley.  
SPECIALIST 4: Jack W. Bjerk, John Buffington, Gary P. Ensley, Marshall L. Gray, Raymond T. Griffin, Sherman Kessel, Dennis K. Knollenberg, Douglas L. Nelson, John H. Reinke, Harland R. Simmons, Charles G. Streuly, Donald Thornhill.

## Purple Heart

CAPTAIN: Curtis W. Barbee Jr.  
SPECIALIST 5: Michael D. Mercier.

## Promotions

To COLONEL: Charles E. Enwin.  
To LIEUTENANT COLONEL: John R. Chandler, Robert B. Galusha.  
To MAJOR: Jerome A. Goldsboro.  
To E9: Edward H. Bowen.  
To E8: Allan S. Baynard, William J. Cook, Gregory R. Jansen, George F. Littlejohn, James C. Mellen, John E. Miller, George J. Mitchell Jr., John P. Richels, Jimmy F. Skann, John F. Wiege.  
To E7: John C. Clarke, Andrew F. Cook, Charles W. Floyd, Stanley O. Herzog, Jerry L. Jeffcoat, Robert E. Kilby, Robert Lamont Jr., George B. Moore Jr., Harvey W. Wells, William E. Westfall.

## CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

### Outstanding Performance Award

William Cappellari, William Gentry, Mrs. Brenda Hamrick, Jack Healey, Miss Iola Innamorati, Ali B. Kwong, Charles J. Maloney, Mrs. Edna M. Mullin, Evan Triandafilou and Wayne Stram.

### Quality Pay Increase

Richard Burnett, Jack Healey, Miss Margaret Laverty, Mrs. Phyllis L. Shaffer and Richard Swisher.

### Sustained Superior Performance Award

Mrs. Edna M. Mullin, Wayne Stram and Robert E. Thomas.



## As I See It

By Clifford L. Charron  
Command  
Sergeant Major



My farewell tour through Europe began March 3 and ended April 6, 1969. To all ASA soldiers in Europe I wish to offer my sincere thanks for an informative and pleasant visit.

Because of your accomplishments, your job dedication, your military bearing and courteous manner, I am proud to wear the same uniform and serve in the same command as you.

My briefing with our commanding general on the tour was summed up in these few words: "They know their job and they are doing it. They are ASA soldiers who serve with pride and act as fine ambassadors of our country in a foreign land."

Your record of accomplishments has received well-deserved praise from all echelons. In the field, in Army schools, in garrisons—fixed or mobile—there is no task you cannot achieve.

It was a privilege to visit Agency men at our border sites and outstations. And my special thanks go out to men like Specialists Briggs, Hines, Wallersteing and Hartefield at Horn-dof who provided a wonderful "Dub-lin" evening of Irish melodies.

To soldiers like Specialist Moss at Schlewig, I offer another special thanks for his gracious hospitality.

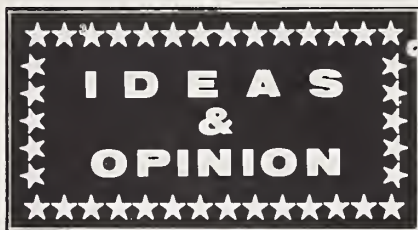
The honor guards I viewed at Bad Aibling and Herzo were outstanding, and it was one of the personal highlights of my career to decorate Specialist Hunter at Memingen and soldiers at Bad Aibling.

Typical of ASA soldiers joining together to make their tour just a little bit better was the extra effort to pro-

vide on-post facilities to our soldiers at the "Speakeasy" in Frankfurt and the EM Club in Berlin.

A special note of thanks should also go to our "ASA Ladies" for making our jobs and overseas tours a pleasant experience. An American community is evident wherever we serve and the ladies help make it so—we can work hard, yet we know how to enjoy ourselves.

What I saw in Europe is typical of what I have seen in our units throughout the world. I am proud to be one of you—you in the Agency are the best. ■



## —MEMORIAL DAY—

"Lest we should forget," a pretty corny phrase isn't it? No? Well, at least many people treat it as one.

Every time a national day of remembrance comes along, such as Memorial Day, somehow the real meaning of it seems to become diluted in an extra day off, a long weekend.

The purpose of these special days often becomes lost in today's fast pace.

Memorial Day, May 30, is set aside in order for all Americans, as a nation, to honor not only those who have given their lives so that we could be a free nation but also those ideals these men fought for.

It is written in the Preamble to the Constitution:

"We the people of the United States in order to form a more perfect Union establish Justice, insure Domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and Our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

"We the people. . ." established these ideals and "We the people. . ." must accept the responsibilities connected with these ideals. ■

## —SUGGESTIONS—

By Virginia Pastryk

### Two Rock Ranch Bugle

Concentrate on what you know best. Successful idea getters and suggesters agree that the best place for anyone to look for ideas is in his own work area.

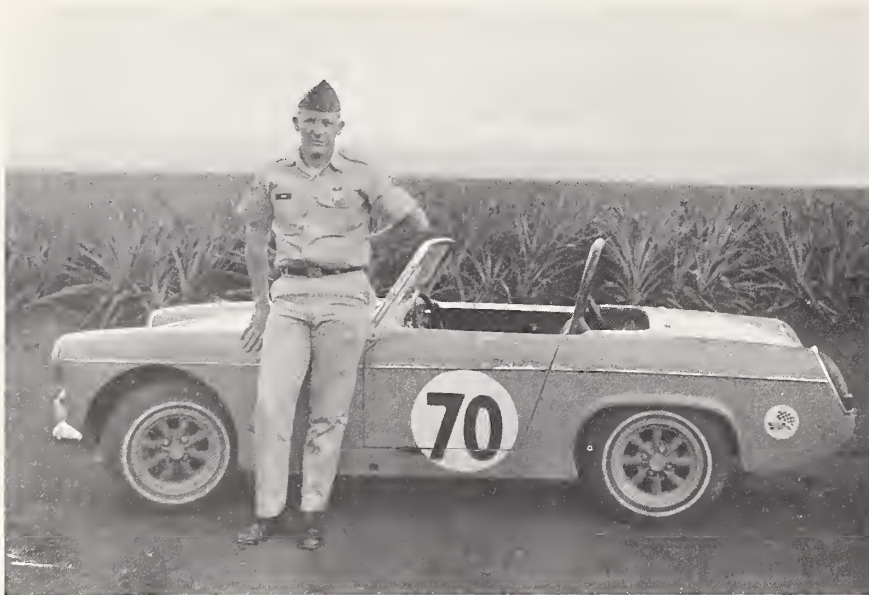
Pick a situation that needs improvement. The things that need improvements most are not always apparent, there are a variety of clues to help you select a target for improvement. a) A high volume operation? b) Too much time? Time consuming, complicated jobs offer some of the greatest opportunities for improvement. c) A Bottleneck? Here is where there is often much room for improvement. d) Chasing Around? For materials, tools and paperwork is a waste of time on many jobs. Look for these cases.

Get all the facts! While it may not be possible to get all the facts that pertain to a particular problem, facts are necessary for a sound analysis. Don't short change yourself on facts—on the other hand don't get more information than you will reasonably and realistically need to come up with a solution.

Turn loose your imagination. Go after ideas—lots of ideas—all you can think up. Your only guarantee that you will eventually pick the best solution is to think of a wide range of possible solutions.

Evaluate your ideas. Consider such things as: Is the solution practical? Will it improve service? Quality? How will it affect other operation. Once you pick the best solution—Think it Through—Talk it Over—Take the time to discuss the problem and your solution with those involved—your supervisor your associates. Let them know your idea is not intended as a criticism. Ask them for their frank comments. They may be able to help you make a more persuasive case of selling the idea. Now you are ready. Write up your suggestion. A well-organized, clear and complete presentation of your idea and its expected benefits is the best insurance for getting the idea accepted.





Acres of pineapples provide a suitable backdrop for USASAPAC's and Hawaii's leading driver, SP5 Tom Dixon and his 1963 MG Midget. (Photo by SP5 William Jenks)

### AUTO RACING

*Germany*—CPT C. W. Craig of Bad Aibling won the recently-held Europa Motor Club Photo Rally. In a photo rally drivers are given a photo of a landmark to which they must navigate their way. At each landmark they are given another photo, which, hopefully, will lead them to the next. CPT Craig in a '68 Mustang turned in the lowest mileage, thus placing first.

SP5 Tom Weil and SP4 Robert Switzer also took rally honors recently by placing second with an impressive time in the Sports Car Club of South Bavaria Bahnhof Rally in Augsburg.

*Hawaii*—SP5 Thomas Dixon, Headquarters and Service Company, HQ USASAPAC, is the leading driver in the race to capture Hawaii's Overall Drivers Competition award for the second straight year.

At least three times a month, Dixon can be found piloting his 1963 MG Midget through the 11 tight curves of Hawaii's treacherous Raceway Track Park or pouring on the steam over the slalom course at Hickam Air Force Base.

Since March 1967 when he first began competition driving in Hawaii, Tom Dixon has consistently proven that he is the man to beat. His car, fully race-prepared under SCCA provisions, is equipped with the latest in safety equipment.

Enroute to taking last year's overall competition, he earned over 25 trophies in events sponsored by the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) and the Armed Forces Foreign Car Club (AFFCC).

Assigned to the S-3 section, SP5 Dixon still manages time to handle duties as president of Hawaii's 200-member AFFCC.

### BOWLING

*Arlington Hall*—SP6 Jim Marion of the Arlington Hall Bowling League missed a perfect game by only one point. His 299 game, combined with games of 216 and 210, helped keep his team, the Groovers, high in the league standings.

*Vint Hill Farms*—The Third Annual Faquier Junior Bowling Association Tournament proved to be right up the Vint Hill Junior-Senior Bowling League's alley. The league's six

entered members came home with an armful of trophies.

Mike Everts, with a 658, captured the singles trophy while his brother Dave joined forces with Joe Easley to roll a 1209 series and cop the doubles title.

Alan Meyers, Bill Andrews and Ray Bernstein racked up a 1654 series in the three-man competition to take second place just a few pins behind the winners.

### PISTOL MATCH

*Canal Zone*—The SOUTHCOM Pistol Team placed fourth in the 1969 USARSO Commander's Pistol Match held at Fort Clayton.

Team members are MSG Jose Delgado (coach); SP6 Joe Rodriguez; SP5 Ron Welch (winner of the Ruger Pistol, the top prize); and SP5 Wayne Floyd. In all the team won 19 medals during the competition.

### BRIDGE

*Ethiopia*—The Diogenes Bridge Club announced the winners of its February tournaments. SSG Sid Rogers and SP5 David Seabury took first place on Feb. 4th; Carl Crocker and SP5 Sandy Bittman were first out of six teams on the 11th.



"I should like to say . . ." This Picture of the Week from the Berlin Comd paper, the Berlin Observer, was taken by SP4 David James, FS Berlin, at the Berlin Zoo last summer.





**MSG Henderson and the Princess of Berchtesgaden.**

## RELAXING

*Germany*—One of the best places in the world to find rest and relaxation is at the Berchtesgaden Recreation Area. But don't take the HALLMARK's word for it; listen to MSG George P. Henderson who has made the area practically a second home.

"I've been almost all over the world: Ethiopia, Korea, Europe, Saudi Arabia, South America, but Berchtesgaden and its people beat every recreation area that I've ever seen," he said.

"Where else could you get a room with a bath for \$1.50 a night, drinks for less than a half a dollar and a great meal for a couple of bucks, not counting the great service for nothing?"

The 52-year-old NCO from New York manages to spend much of his time here by extending for 6 months in Vietnam and thus getting a month of special leave.

Henderson is now resting up for his fourth consecutive tour in Vietnam just as he did last June and in July 1967 and as he'll do next summer.

## BOXING

*Turkey*—When SP4 Carl Suggs left Sinop for the USAFE Light-Heavyweight Championship in Sembach, Germany last March he vowed he would return a champion. Boxing

before a standing-room-only crowd of 2,200 Suggs did just that by flooring Dick Little of Alconbury, England with a left cross to the chin in 2:12 of the first round.

Little, who had some success in the early part of the round with a right jab, afterwards claimed that he had been hit in the eye by Sugg's thumb. The decision stood, however, and Suggs scored a major sport first for Sinop.

## BASKETBALL

*Germany*—Herzo's Company B Basketball team this March won the Nord Bayern District Championship by defeating HQ Det, US Army Garrison 100-86.

*Ethiopia*—The Kagnaw Gazelle Basketball squad surprised almost everyone but themselves when they placed third in the recent USAFE Tourney held in South Ruislip, England. The Gazelles had won the Mediterranean Championship last year but failed to recapture the title this year, placing second. Consequently they entered the tourney unheralded. That was soon changed and the team went on to capture third place.



**SSG Jerry L. Klindt**

**CPT Robert M. Judge**

The 330th Radio Research Company, Pleiku, Republic of Vietnam, may have recently set a new record. While burning brush around the defensive perimeter of the 330th, CPT Robert M. Judge's attention was drawn to what appeared to be a fire hose being drawn into the brush. Grasping one end and tugging hard, CPT Judge found himself in possession of a rather large snake. Three bullets and four shovel blows later CPT Judge was the proud owner of a particularly fine snake skin, identified by local authorities as a King Cobra. Size? Eleven feet and one inch. Anyone have a bigger Cobra tale?

## SKIING

*Germany* — Majors Douglas J. Wood and William L. Shade of the 507th recently decided to spend a week relaxing with their wives in the Tyrolian Alps learning how to ski. The events of the week were filled with excitement, happiness, anxiety—and even some moments of sheer terror—but little relaxing.

MAJ and Mrs. Wood and MAJ Shade, the "Nervous Novices", became acquainted with the basics of skiing using the European method, walking up and up and up seemingly endless slopes under the close scrutiny of an Austrian ski instructor. Austrian instructors are often classed as "Red Devils". (Mrs. Shade hails from New Hampshire and was "born" on skis.)

## BASEBALL

*Canal Zone*—The ASA Little League team recently ran away with the Ft. Clayton Championship, displaying a stunning display of hurling expertise. The nine- to twelve-year-olds scored a 17-4 record to give the team its first title in two years.



# Focus Retina

## ASA Does Its Part



FOCUS RETINA pen and ink sketch by 1LT Randal W. Oaks.

*FOCUS RETINA*, called the longest airborne "assault" operation in history, ended in March. It involved more than 7,000 Army, Air Force and Korean personnel. **1LT Randal W. Oaks**, *HALLMARK* reporter from Group Korea, filed the following report on the exercise.

USASA Group Korea's van was positioned in the red mud next to the general's command post at controller headquarters. Agency men were busy providing COMSEC support to the units in the field.

A communications check with other COMSEC positions, plagued early in the operation by the glue-like red mud, indicated that at last their vehicles were moving and they had linked up with the advance party of the 82d Airborne Division south of the Han River.

All systems were go.

It was Saturday night, March 15, 1969, and *FOCUS RETINA* had begun. In just a few hours plans for the longest airborne "assault" in history would become a reality.

The imaginary aggressor, "Hatarkal," known as the red team, had already launched a full scale assault, combined with infiltration, on the defensive positions of the friendly nation of "Charans," or the blue team.

Just 40 miles south of Seoul, the red team began to advance over rolling mud-covered hills to attack the lightly-armed blue team.

As the friendly blue team was pressed back, snow began to fall. The sudden snowstorm did slow down the enemy but it also caused a 24-hour delay in the massive para-drop operations in support of the blue forces.

Ironically, at the same time 80 miles to the north on the DMZ, the fourth *real* fire fight in six days was under-

way. The remains of a rescue helicopter smoldered, containing the bodies of seven Americans and one South Korean. They died as their helicopter crashed during a rescue operation.

Back in the simulated war of "Hatarkal" and "Charans," anxiety mounted as the new hour for the drop approached.

Finally, the snow stopped falling and started to melt under the rising sun and clear skies. ASA teams speedily moved into position with the 82d Airborne in preparation to cross a 700-foot bridge spanning the Han River, just south of the anticipated drop zone.

One final communications check with our command post at controller headquarters indicated that *FOCUS RETINA* was on schedule as planned under the revised script.

The 24-hour delay had given more time for our command post to provide additional assistance in the COMSEC role.

This proved to be a vital asset in correcting communication procedures as the operation progressed as GEN C. H. Bonesteel pointed out at the end of the exercise.

The moment of the drop was now at hand. The sky was clear with a calm breeze. With the exception of the ambulances positioned around the drop zone, every vehicle was camouflaged.

From a hilltop observation post, GEN Bonesteel and Republic of Korea President Park Chung Hee, among other distinguished visitors, watched intently.

Suddenly, the quiet chirping of birds was replaced by the thunderous sound of 12 jet fighter bombers making low-altitude imaginary bombing and strafing runs over the drop zone—an area of semi-frozen stretches of sand and gently-rolling hills.



Looking up the Han River Valley you could see the first of the C-130 Hercules aircraft approaching the drop zone. Behind the Hercules came the C-141 Starlifters, which had found their way to this Korean dropzone from Pope AFB in North Carolina, 8,500 miles away.

The C-141s were followed by more C-130s flying at low speeds 1100 feet above the ground. These aircraft dropped heavy equipment and nearly 2,000 American and Korean paratroopers in a spectacular display over the Han River Valley.

The drop was exactly on target and right on schedule.

As the sky filled with olive-colored parachutes, spirits—previously at a low ebb because of the snow and the oozing mud—began to soar.

Spirits buoyed, the ASA men moved out in convoy with the 82d Airborne Division. The fictitious red team, "Hatarkal," was scattered by the Army from the sky and now posed little resistance as the convoy sped across a specially-constructed floating bridge to rendezvous with their partners from Ft. Bragg.

Because of a last-minute wind shift, the C-141 carrying the ASA Liaison Team from Ft. Bragg was forced to cut its jump time a few seconds.

As the Liaison team moved into place for the jump the green "Go" light flashed red and the C-141 passed beyond the dropzone before everyone could get out. This meant a "no-go" for the ASA Liaison team.

Though the Agency jump team was unable to get into the exercise area itself, it was flown into Suwon Air Base, Korea. There the team conducted liaison with other ASA elements supporting FOCUS RETINA at ASA Operations



The people of Korea welcome the men involved in FOCUS Retina. Approximately 7,000 Americans and Koreans participated in the exercise.

Company, Pyongtaek, Korea.

Everything went smoothly as the efforts of all 7,000 men involved in the exercise began to materialize.

ASA elements deployed into positions as the fictitious battle raged at the border of the two "nations."

After four days of hard fighting, the friendly nation of "Charans" retained its sovereignty, and ASA had provided an important contribution in support of exercise FOCUS RETINA—the longest airborne "assault" operation in history.

## Agency Officer Awarded Second Silver Star

Last month, CPT Leo B. Virant II, aide-de-camp to MG Charles J. Denholm, commanding general, was presented the Silver Star, First Oak Leaf Cluster.

He received this distinguished award through his actions in Vietnam last year as a troop commander with the 4th Cavalry, 25th Infantry. On a "reconnaissance in force mission," his troop came upon two Viet Cong squads fighting fiercely from their cramped spider holes.

CPT Virant quickly organized his men and directed devastating fire on the enemy—all the while exposing himself to persistent hostile fire. Throughout all this, he made certain his wounded were quickly cared for.

Through his actions, his "personal bravery, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty" the enemy was defeated.

What was CPT Virant thinking about during the encounter? "Well at one point," he said, "as I was crawling across a cultivated field, all I could think of was Burt Lancaster doing the same thing in a movie I once saw."



MG Denholm congratulates CPT Virant after the Silver Star presentation. (At the same ceremony CPT Virant was also presented the first Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal.)

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